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SUBJECT: SPAIN AND NATO - SPANISH MANEUVER NOTIFICATION

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AND PREVIOUS

1. NOTIFICATION OF SPANISH EXERCISE REPORTED IN STATE
REFTEL IS FIRST TO CITE CSCE FINAL ACT, ACCORDING TO
EMBASSY FILES. WE FIND IT NOT INCONSISTENT WITH SPANISH
INTEREST IN PLAYING A LARGER ROLE IN CSCE CONTEXT THAT
THEY SHOULD NOTIFY SO SMALL A MANEUVER.
2. DAO RECORDS INDICATE THAT INVITATIONS FOR ATTACHES TO
OBSERVE THIS ANNUAL EXERCISE (MADRID REFTEL) ARE USUALLY
EXTENDED ROUGHLY THIRTY DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT.
3. LACK OF REFERENCE TO OBSERVERS IN NOTIFICATION AND
SEPARATE INVITATION TO OBSERVERS SEEM LOGICAL FROM THIS
PERSPECTIVE WHEN FOLLOWING ARE TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT.

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MANY SPANISH MILITARY OFFICERS STILL FEEL VERY STRONGLY
ABOUT COMMUNISM, BECAUSE OF THE CIVIL WAR AND THE BULE
DIVISION. THIS SENTIMENT IS BELIEVED TO BE ONE CAUSE
OF DELAYS IN ACCREDITATION OF MILITARY ATTACHES FROM
BLOC COUNTRIES TO MADRID. AN INVITATION EXTENDED
UNDER THE CSCE FRAMEWORK WOULD INCLUDE OBSERVERS FROM
BLOC COUNTRIES; INVITING ONLY THOSE ATTACHES ACCREDITED

HERE AVOIDS THIS PROBLEM.

4. BY SEPARATING THE NOTIFICATION AND INVITATION, GOS IS ABLE TO CALL ATTENTION TO SPANISH ADHERENCE TO SPIRIT OF CSCE CBMS, EVIDENTLY DEAR TO CERTAIN SECTORS OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHILE NOT ANTAGONIZING THE MILITARY BY GOING TOO FAR. WE BELIEVE THE COMING MONTHS WILL SEE INCREASING EMPHASIS ON FULL SPANISH MEMBERSHIP IN EUROPE, THROUGH CSCE AND OTHER CHANNELS. THERE WILL REMAIN, HOWEVER, OCCASIONAL IDIOSYNCRATIC DIFFERENCES SUCH AS THIS, WHICH WILL TAKE LONGER TO FADE AWAY. STABLER

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